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Attorney Docket No.

STE01 P-915L

First Inventor

Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.

Title

See 1 in Addendum

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
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name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
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9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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|  |              |   | \$770.00 | \$770.00  |
| Total Claims: 16 - 20 =                      | 0            | X | \$18.00  | \$ 0.00   |
| Independent Claims: 2 - 3 =                  | 0            | X | \$86.00  | \$ 0.00   |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable):   |              | + | \$290.00 | \$ 0.00   |
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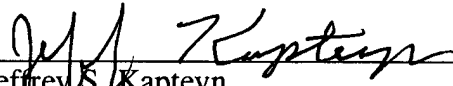
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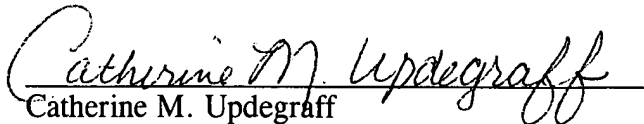
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